

LEARNING SKILLS
Lesson Plan
Instructor Guide

INSTRUCTOR NOTES

COURSE TITLE: LEARNING SKILLS

BLOCK: BLOCK 1.4

DPS ACCREDITATION #:

COURSE LEVEL: 100 LEVEL

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL: STUDENTS WILL UNDERSTAND AND RELATE TO HOW INDIVIDUAL LEARNING STYLES AFFECT LEARNING ABILITY AND WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR RETENTION ABILITY.

INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES: IDENTIFY STUDY SKILLS AND PRACTICES NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ACADEMY COURSE OF INSTRUCTION. (C)

DEMONSTRATE NOTE-TAKING SKILLS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ACADEMY COURSE OF INSTRUCTION. (C)

IDENTIFY LEARNING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE ACADEMY STUDENT TO ENHANCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESSFUL ACADEMY PERFORMANCE. (V)

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS: CLASSROOM LECTURE
DISCUSSION
ROLE PLAY

HANDOUTS: STUDENT GUIDE

COURSE DURATION: 2 HOURS

CURRICULUM REFERENCES: Previous NMLEA Block 11, Note Taking and Study Habits, 2013

Fry, Ron. How to Study, 3rd Ed.. Career Press, Hawthorne NJ 2003

Handbook for College Success, Santa Fe Community College, Dept. of Developmental Studies, Santa Fe NM 1993

SAFETY CONSIDERATION: NONE

EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND SUPPLIES NEEDED: COMPUTER, AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS; WHITEBOARD

TARGET AUDIENCE: NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT CADETS AND RECRUITS

COURSE PREREQUISITES: NONE

INSTRUCTOR CERT.: GENERAL POLICE

INSTRUCTOR RATIO: 1 / 40 - 60

EVALUATION STRATEGY: NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION EXAM

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COURSE OUTLINE:

A. Learning Skills

1. Objectives

B. How People Learn

1. KNOWING HOW YOU TEND TO LEARN CAN BE HELPFUL. YOU CAN PLACE ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS, CONCENTRATION, OR FOCUS IN THE AREAS YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT THAT STRONG.

C. Sensory Memory

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D. Short-Term Memory

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E. Long-Term Memory

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F. SQ3R

1. Survey
2. Question
3. Read
4. Recite
5. Review

G. The Domains of Learning

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I. Memory

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N. Note-Taking

1. Effective note-taking consists of three parts:
 - a. -Observing
 - b. -Recording
 - c. -Reviewing
2. The following strategies will help you develop and refine your note-taking skills:
 - a. Before class:
 - b. During Class-
3. Three Note-Taking Options:
 - a. The Cornell Format
 - b. Mind Mapping
 - c. Outlining

O. Studying

1. The SQ3R Reading/Study System-
 - a. Survey
 - b. Question
 - c. Recite- retrain your mind to concentrate and learn as it reads.
 - d. Review
 - e. Remember

P. How to study and learn - A GUIDE

1. How to use the guide
2. What is Critical Thinking?

Q. Ideas for becoming a great student

1. BECOME AN ACTIVE LEARNER.
2. THINK OF EACH SUBJECT AS A FORM OF THINKING.
3. BECOME A QUESTIONER. LOOK FOR
4. INTERCONNECTIONS.
5. THINK OF YOUR INSTRUCTOR AS A COACH.

6. THINK OF THE TEXTBOOK
7. CONSIDER CLASS TIME
8. RELATE CONTENT
9. FIGURE OUT WHAT STUDY AND LEARNING SKILLS YOU
10. ARE NOT GOOD AT.
11. ASK YOURSELF
12. SEEK TO FIND THE KEY CONCEPT
13. ASK QUESTIONS
14. TEST YOURSELF
15. LEARN TO TEST YOUR THINKING
16. USE WRITING AS A WAY TO LEARN
17. EVALUATE YOUR LISTENING
18. EVALUATE YOUR READING.
19. REMEMBER!

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New Mexico State Police
Training and Recruiting
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INSTRUCTOR NOTES:

- Introduce Course
- Introduce Self
- Classroom and housekeeping rule
- Distribute Student Handouts (if any)
- Discuss Course Goal and Objectives

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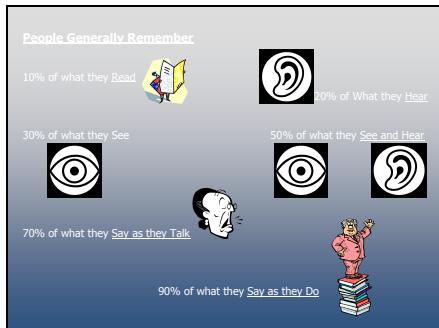
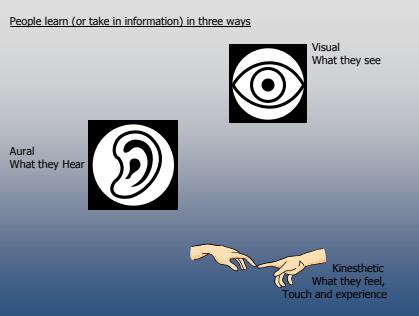
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Remembering		
Methods Of Instruction	Recall 3 Hours Later	Recall 3 Days Later
Telling, when used alone	70%	10%
Showing, when used alone	72%	20%
When a blend of telling and showing is used	85%	65%



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3. Notice each boldface heading and subheading. Organize your mind before you begin to read. Build a structure for the thoughts and details to come.
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RECOMMENDED CURRICULUM CHANGES: Identify inaccurate information, outdated information, new information to be added to update material, etc. (Use additional pages if necessary)

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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTOR COMMENTS: (If any portion of the course content was not presented, indicate the specific content here)

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